

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a novel composition for efficiently releasing hydrophilic or water-soluble skin care actives from an oleaginous composition. The substantially oleaginous composition of the present invention comprises: (1) at least one skin care active; (2) a release agent having an HLB of at least about 3; and (3) a hydrophobic barrier protectant. The novel release composition may be topically applied to skin using a dispensing means such as an absorbent article, a wipe, a bandage, a pad, a canister, a stick, an aerosol dispenser, a sprayer, and the like.